

Chairman Waukau's Notes

March 5, 2002

Poso My Fellow Menominees:

For the first month of this administration the new Legislators and I have been visiting all of the programs within the tribal structure and it is very interesting to see the good work that is going on. Tribal Utilities director David Corn along Jim Horton, Civil Engineer, and Brian Kowalkowski, Land Use Planner for Community Development have captured grants and low costs loans in the amount of \$3.8 million to replace the Keshena Wastewater treatment facility. As the population of Keshena has increased, the capabilities of our current facility were unable to keep pace. Keshena people, when you flush your toilets, please think of Dave, Jimmy, and Brian and thank them for a job well done. The Food Distribution program is doing over and above what their job descriptions require. Pat Roberts and her staff have included fresh produce in their selection of foods along with gently used clothes for their client's needs. Pat's Assistant, John Miller, makes deliveries to our Menominees who are unable to get down to the distribution center in Keshena. They do all this good work on a very limited tribal grant.

We have not had Community Meetings for a while so please watch for the postings and bring your local concerns to your Legislators this month.

September 11 has affected all of America and Menominee is no exception. We have seen a marked increase in unemployment on the Reservation, which translates to an increase in the use of our General Assistance Program. The Tribal Legislature has installed some cost savings measures to ensure that we can service all the clients in need. Our young people have always answered the call to serve in the armed services. Many of these youngsters are rotating into harms way as the war in Afghanistan continues. Please keep these young warriors in your thoughts and prayers and ask the Creator to give them the courage and fortitude to carry out their duty and to bring them back home safely.

Some good news to end this edition of the Chairman's notes: congratulations go out to Coach Mike Skenadore's Eighth Grade Girls basketball team that went 13 and 0 in conference play and Coach Robert Webster's Freshmen boys team that went 17-0. Way to go teams.

Sincerely,

Lisa Waukau
Honorable Tribal Chairman